Disclaimers

- The converter box will not read manufacturers' alphabet memory cards.
- All designs must fit inside the sewing hoop capabilities of your machine. Reducing the design to fit inside your hoop may affect the sewability.
- Some designs may have stitches that can not be read correctly into the converter box.
- The converter box can not warrant the quality of third party digitizers.
- Any user of the converter box should adhere to applicable license agreements of all third parties of the designs.
- This product is not to be used to violate copyright, trademarks or other intellectual property rights of third parties.
- This product can read from embroidery cards, disks or hard drive and will save designs to an official Mini Amazing Box II rewritable memory card, your hard drive or other writable media.
- Inserting the wrong card type or any foreign object other than an embroidery memory card into the correct slot could bend connector pins and damage the converter box. Connector pins are not covered under the Limited Warranty.
- Each card will access 120,000 to 180,000 stitches. It is possible that some designs have more stitches than a card will allow.
- Not all designs will work on all machines due to machine capabilities and limitations.
- It may be necessary to colorize designs through the included Color Editor program to save the design so that the color displays correctly on your machine's LCD screen.

Limited Warranty

1. All parts other than connector pins are warranted to be free from defects for a period of one year and will be at the manufacturer's option, replaced or repaired at no charge to you, the consumer, for a period of one year from date of original purchase, provided said parts or machine are returned, and transportation prepaid.

2. There is no charge for covered parts or labor when a converter box is returned within 90 days of the original purchase. Proof of purchase date (a copy of the sales receipt) must be included with the machine. The machine will be returned to you, the consumer, prepaid.

3. A flat fee of $50.00 will be charged for service of non-warranted parts when returned after 90 days and before 365 days from the date of original purchase. Proof of purchase date (copy of sales receipt), and a check or money order payable to: GN TECH AUTHORIZED SERVICE CENTER.

    GN Tech Support
    2751 Electronic
    Dallas, TX 75220

    The $50.00 must be included with the machine. The converter box will be returned to you, the consumer, freight prepaid.

4. This warranty does not cover bent connector pins.

5. This warranty does not cover postage, transportation to a service center, or service provided by anyone other than GN Tech Service Center.

6. After one year, service may be obtained by contacting any local sewing machine repair center, or return the converter box to GN Tech Service Center for an estimate of repair charges at the address above.

7. THIS LIMITED WARRANTY IS THE EXCLUSIVE WARRANTY AND ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, WHETHER EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, ARE HEREBY DISCLAIMED, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

8. This warranty is in effect provided the converter box is used only for normal household sewing purposes and not commercial use, and given reasonably good care. The manufacturer is also not to be held responsible for damage, normal wear, accident, abuse, neglect, acts of God, or if the converter box has been repaired (worked on) by unauthorized personnel.

9. Any machine returned:
    A. Must be packed securely to avoid damage in shipping. We suggest using the original carton and non-static styrofoam packing.
    B. Shipping charges to be paid by sender.
    C. To protect you against damage in shipment, the converter box should be insured for full value.
    D. Proof of purchase (a copy of the sales receipt) must be included.
    E. Be sure to include sender's name and address (yours) on outside and inside of carton.
    F. Please specify problem.

10. Warranty only applies to the converter box. Warranty doesn't apply to incidental or consequential damages including, but not limited to, embroidery cards, embroidery machines, garments, or other soft goods.

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11. This warranty is nontransferable and extends only to the original purchaser when new and when purchased from a duly authorized dealer. This warranty is in lieu of all other warranties. The manufacturer is not responsible for any representation, expressed or implied other than those contained herein.
This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

This warranty disclaims liability for incidental, or consequential damages, which apply during and after the warranty period. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this product, please feel free to contact the manufacturer at the address below:

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Dallas, TX 75220
1-800-553-1691
support@amazingdesigns.com

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: REGULATIONS

Federal Communications Commission Compliance Notice (for U.S.A. only)

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

I**mportant - About the Interface Cable**
This equipment has been certified to comply with
FCC standards, which are applied to the U.S.A.
only. A shielded interface cable should be used
according to FCC 15.27 (C)

Caution
Changes or modifications not expressly approved
by the manufacturer or local sales distributor could
void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Canadian Department of Communication
Compliance Statement
(for Canada only)

This digital apparatus does not exceed the Class
B limits for radio noise emission from digital
apparatus as set out in the interference-causing
equipment standard entitled "Digital Apparatus",
ICES-003 of the Department of Communications

Radio Interference
(220-240V only)

This machine complies with EN55022 (CISPER
Publication 22)/Class B.

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Introduction

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About This Manual

The Mini Amazing Box II gives you the unique ability to convert your favorite design from one format to another, the ability to use designs from disks, CDs and the Internet and to save designs from memory cards to writable media such as your computer's hard drive. This manual is filled with information about how to use the program, and includes many time-saving tips that will make you more productive, efficient and effective with your embroidery projects.

Items Found in this Section:

1   Why Choose The Mini Amazing
    Box II
2   Terms Used in This Manual
3   Icons Used in This Manual

Why Choose The Mini Amazing Box II

The Mini Amazing Box II has the most flexible and easy-to-use features allowing you to work directly with Smart Sizer Gold, Lettering Pro, Size Express, Fast Fills, Click 'N Stitch, Embroidery Links and Color Editor. With these seven products, you can resize, edit, add lettering, add pattern fills, add icon borders and colorize your designs.

In addition, this new version allows you to work with your card designs in other embroidery software by copying designs from memory cards to your writable media, such as your computer's hard drive.

Terms Used in This Manual

In The Mini Amazing Box II program, there are several different ways to activate a function or feature: by clicking your mouse on a drop down menu, clicking on an icon, or in some cases, using a hot key shortcut.

Tip

A "hotkey" shortcut is usually a combination of keys on your keyboard that are linked to a specific function within the program. For example, in most Windows-based programs, pressing the Control key in combination with the letter "C" on the keyboard will copy a selected item. This is a hotkey shortcut.

Icons Used in This Book

Anecdote

This icon indicates a story. These stories help to explain and simplify problems that may be confusing.

Tip

This icon indicates helpful tips that enable you to better understand how the software works.

Time Saving

This icon provides information that will save you time in your day-to-day use of the software and in some cases the use of your computer.

Remember

This icon is placed next to sections of this manual you should not forget. Pay close attention to anything with this icon. It may come in handy later.

Technical Stuff

This icon explains technical components in the use of the program and computer.

Warning

This icon lets you know of potential dangers and will warn you about possible pitfalls while using your computer.

Installation

Items Found in this Section:

Accessory Page

Included with The Mini Amazing Box II:

1	Mini Amazing Box II
1	Rewritable Memory Card
1	Instruction manual
1	Mini Amazing Box II Software on CD-ROM Including Color Editor & Adober® Reader®
1	USB Cable

Options:

Additional Rewritable Memory Cards
Smart Sizer Gold - editing software
Lettering Pro - text program
Size Express - resizing software
Fast Fills - pattern fill software
Click 'N Stitch - autodigitizing software
Embroidery Links - design accent software

Computer Requirements

Pentium® II Processor
16 MB RAM
5MB hard drive space
Microsoft® Windows® 98 or above
CD-ROM Drive
Display 800 X 600 or better
Mouse
USB Port

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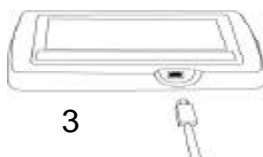
Hardware Installation
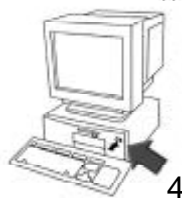
1   Turn OFF computer.

2   Plug flat end of USB cable into USB port. This port may be in the front or back of your machine.

3   Plug square end of your USB cable into the back of your Mini Amazing Box II.
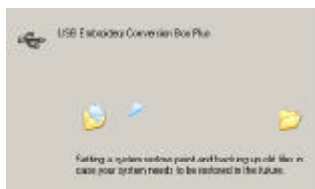
4   Turn ON computer.

5   The first screen you see will say "Found New Hardware Wizard." With "Install Automatically" selected, simply insert your installation CD into the drive and click "Next."

7   Windows will search for the best driver for the Mini- Amazing Box II.

8   Once Windows locates the driver on the Mini Amazing Box II CD, it will start to install.

9.   The Microsoft Windows Logo testing screen will appear. Click "Continue Anyway"

10   Finally, select "Finish." Your driver installation is complete, and you are ready to install your Mini Amazing Box II software.

Troubleshooting

If you use **Windows 2000, Millennium Edition (ME), or XP**, you will see an icon (Figure 1) appear at the bottom right c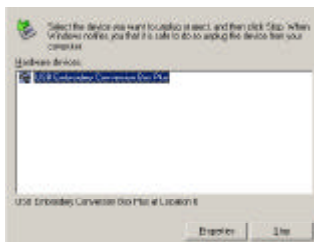orner of your screen (near the clock). When unplugging your Mini Amazing Box II, you must first double-click this icon, select the "USB Conversion Box Plus," and then click "Stop." It is now safe to unplug your Mini Amazing Box II.

The next time you plug in your Mini Amazing Box II, Windows will automatically recognize the conversion box driver.

NOTE: If you fail to stop your Mini Amazing Box II before unplugging it, you will have to reinstall the driver from your installation CD.

 Figure 1

Hardware Installation

⚠ The software you are installing for this hardware:

USB Embroidery Conversion Box Plus

has not passed Windows Logo testing to verify its compatibility with Windows XP. [Tell me why this testing is important.]

Continuing your installation of this software may impair or destabilize the correct operation of your system either immediately or in the future. Microsoft strongly recommends that you stop this installation now and contact the hardware vendor for software that has passed Windows Logo testing.

[Continue Anyway]   [STOP Installation]

Microsoft's Logo compatibility testing is put in place to ensure that users do not incur problems with equipment manufacturers' products. While The Mini Amazing Box II is in the process of gaining "formal" Microsoft approval, it has been tested for use under the Windows XP operating system and is Windows XP compatible. The Mini Amazing Box II driver should not yield any problems, therefore, select "Continue Anyway" when this warning appears.

More information about Microsoft Logo testing can be found at: http://www.microsoft.com/WINLOGO/ hardware/digitalsignature.asp

No COM port Error Message

If you get a message on your screen saying, "No COM port..." this usually means the USB driver is not installed correctly. Follow the following steps to reinstall the driver.

1. Unplug the USB cable from the computer while it is on.

2. Turn off your computer.

3. Plug the USB cable back into the computer.

4. Turn on the computer.

5. A Mircrosoft message stating, "New hardware found," appears.

6. Insert the Mini Amazing Box II CD into the CD-ROM drive and cancel installation if it autoruns.

7. Now follow the on-screen prompts and directions in the Installation chapter on Hardware Installation to install the USB driver.

Software Installation

1. From the Windows desktop **close all open programs**.
2. Place The Mini Amazing Box II CD in the CD-ROM drive.
3. From the Windows desktop, click on the **Start** button.
4. Click on the **Run** button.
5. At the Run prompt you will need to type the letter of your CD-ROM Drive followed by Setup. (Ex: D:\SETUP or E:\SETUP) You may also press the **Browse** button and click on the CD-ROM drive and the setup.exe file. Once the setup.exe file is highlighted press **Open**. This will copy the command to the command prompt. Next press the **Return** or **Enter** key.
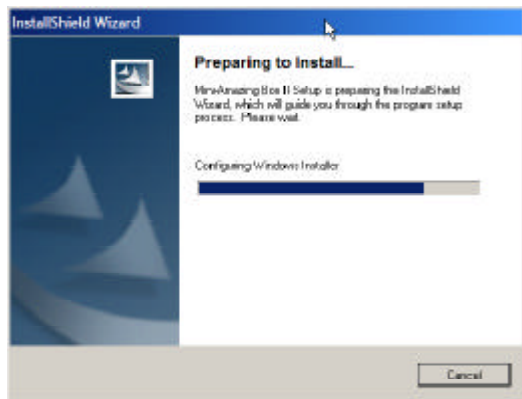

Figure Inst-1

6. Click **Next**.

Figure Inst-2

7. Read license agreement.
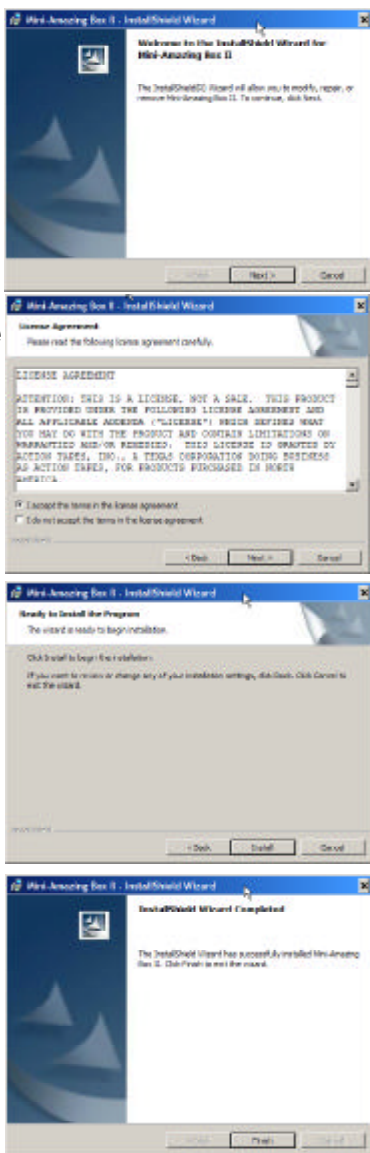8. Click **I accept the terms in the license agreement.**
9 Click **Next.**

Figure Inst-3

8. Click **Install**.

Figure Inst-4

9. Click **Finish**.

Figure Inst-5

Start Program

Follow the steps below in order to run The Mini Amazing Box II.

To start the program:
1.   Go to **Start**.
2.   Click on **Programs**.
3.   Click on **Great Notions**.
4.   Click on **Mini Amazing Box II**.

Mini Amazing Box II appears on your screen as shown in Figure Inst-6. Your Mini Amazing Box II and software is properly installed and is ready to use.

I**f you receive any errors when loading the Mini Amazing Box II software,
call 1-800-553-1691 Monday through Friday 8 A.M. to 9 P.M. CST.
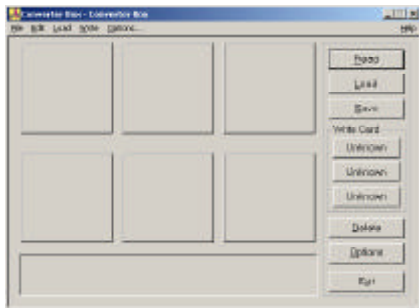or e-mail support@amazingdesigns.com**.

Figure Inst-6

File Formats

File Formats

File Formats are designs on your hard drive, floppy or CD-ROM that The Mini Amazing Box II will read. There are many different file formats the Mini Amazing Box II will open. You will find them listed below.

GNC (*.gnc)

A "GNC" file is a scalable format used with Amazing Designs software. This format enables you to enlarge or reduce the size of the design using Smart Sizer Gold. The computer will automatically regenerate the design adding or subtracting stitches to be appropriate for the new size.

HUS (*.hus)

A "HUS" file is an expanded file format that works with Viking DOS Customizer and Viking Customizer 95 software.

DST (*.dst)

A "DST" file is an expanded file format developed for the Tajima commercial embroidery machine.

CSD (*.csd)

A "CSD" file is an expanded file format that works with DOS HuskyGram, Toyota POEM and Singer Embroidery Unlimited.

EXP (*.exp)

A "EXP" file is an expanded file format originally developed for commercial embroidery machines.

JEF (*.jef)

A "JEF" file is an expanded file format that works with the Janome 10000 machine.

PCS (*.pcs)

A "PCS" file is an expanded file format that works with Pfaff PC-Designer V2.0 (PC), and Pfaff PC-Designer V2.1 (PC) software.

PES (*.pes)

A "PES" file is an expanded file format that works with Baby Lock Palette, Bernina Wizard and Brother PE-Design software.

SEW (*.sew)

A "SEW" file is an expanded file format that works with Janome Scan-n-Sew PC, Elna Envision Scan PC, Dream Vision and Customizer 2000.

SHV(*.shv)

A "SHV" file is an expanded file format that works with the Designer series of machines from Viking.

XXX (*.xxx)

A "XXX" file is an expanded file format that works with Singer PSW.

Remember

An expanded format is any format that will not regenerate new stitches when resized. This means that if you reduce an expanded design, the stitch count does not change. The same number of stitches are present in a smaller area, which could result in thread or needle breakage that may damage to your garment. Special resizing software such as Size Express from Amazing Designs will recalculate the number of stitches to be appropriate for the new size, whether reducing or enlarging expanded designs.

Quick Start

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Items Found in this Section:

General Operation

1. Make sure The Mini Amazing Box II has power. To do this, simply verify the green light on the front of The Mini Amazing Box II is on.

2. Open the Mini Amazing Box II program by double-clicking on the icon. Make sure you have only opened the program one time. When you double click the icon, it takes a few seconds for the program to open.

Warning

You must only have the program opened one time in order to set up communication between your computer and the Mini Amazing Box II.

Tip

To ensure the program has opened, look at the bottom of your monitor screen between the "Start" button on the left and the clock on the right. You should see a square with "Convert" and a picture of the box. If you see more than one of these, exit all except one and continue.

3. Click **OK** to enter the program. The design transfer screen offers you a **Read**, **Load**, **Save** and three **Write Card** buttons. The main screen also has **Delete**, **Options** and **Exit** buttons. The **Load, Write Card** and **Delete** buttons remain inactive until a design has been read into the software or a card inserted into the slot.

Figure QS-1
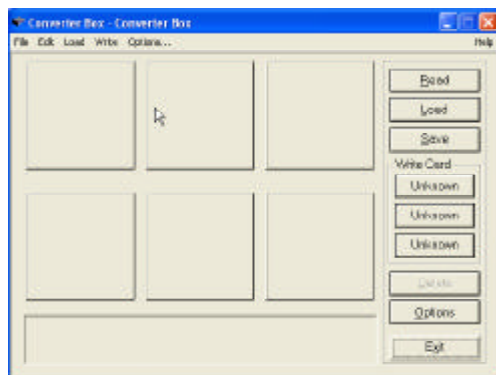
Read

The **Read** function lets you select a design from a floppy disk, CD, or your hard drive. The Mini Amazing Box II software is conversion software. This means that you can "read" CSD, DST, PES, HUS, JEF, SEW, SHV, XXX and PCS file extensions into this software. The **Read** function also reads zipped files without you having to unzip them first.

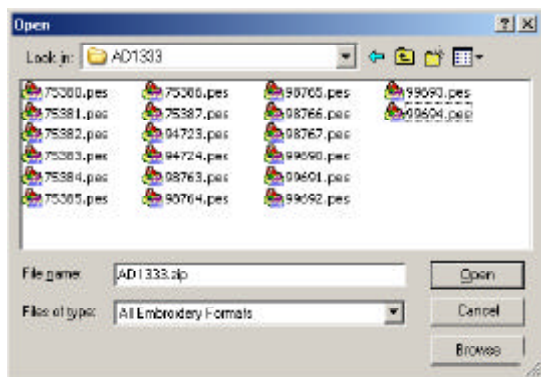The GNC format is found on the Amazing Designs disk collections.

Use a GNC format design whenever possible as it automatically resizes the design to fit the sewing field for the machine designated in the Mini Amazing Box II software.

Remember, the box is a design file transfer system for finished file sewing formats. You cannot read .bmp, .jpg, or any kind of clip art into this program. There is no digitizing software included. For autodigitizing capability, see your dealer about Click 'n Stitch Xtra from Amazing Designs.

Click the **Read** button, and the standard "Open" window appears (Figure QS-2). Click the down arrow to the right of the "Look in" box and follow the path to the folder or drive where your designs are stored.   Once you have the appropriate folder in the "Look in" box and the file information displayed below it, you can select the design you want, or click on the **Browse** button to see pictures of the designs. Double click on the picture and the design will load into a square on the main screen. You can keep choosing files until all 6 squares are full.

Figure QS-2

Open			? X
Look in: AD1333			
75380.pes	75386.pes	98765.pes	99693.pes
75381.pes	75387.pes	98766.pes	99694.pes
75382.pes	94723.pes	98767.pes	
75383.pes	94724.pes	99690.pes	
75384.pes	98763.pes	99691.pes	
75385.pes	98764.pes	99692.pes	

File name: AD1333.zip   **Open**

Files of type: All Embroidery Formats   Cancel

Browse

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Load

The **Load** function is what enables you to take designs from memory cards into the software and write them back to a card for any supported embroidery machine.

1. Simply insert the preprogrammed memory card into the appropriate slot (See Figure QS-3 on the next page) in the box and the **Load** button will highlight.

2. Click the **Load** button and type the number of the desired design and click **OK** to load that design. You can also view all the designs on the memory card by clicking **Browse**. This brings up a picture of each design on the memory card. Select the design you want and click **Load**. You are able to load up to 6 designs at a time.

3. When you are finished selecting designs from the "Browse" page, click **OK** and the design will load onto the main screen.

Warning

Once you have loaded your designs from the preprogrammed card, you need to remove it from the slot.

Figure QS-3
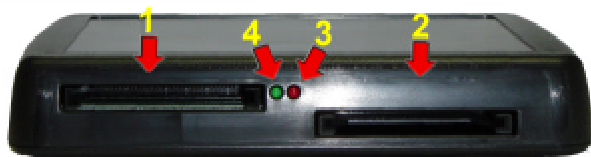
1   Left Card Slot
The card slot for Pfaff, Janome 10000 and Bernina-Artista Cards.

2   Right Card Slot
The card slot for Baby Lock, Bernina-Deco, Brother, Simplicity, Viking #1+, Rose, and 605 Cards.

3   Red Light
The red light informs you The Mini Amazing Box II is either reading or writing a card.

4   Green Light
The green light informs you The Mini Amazing Box II is ON.

Delete

The **Delete** button is used to remove a design from any of the 6 squares on the screen. Click the design you want to delete then click the **Delete** button and the design disappears.

Write

Once you have up to 6 designs on your screen then you are ready to insert your rewritable memory card into the appropriate slot on the Mini Amazing Box II and write the designs to the rewritable card for sewing.

See Figure QS-3 for which slots cards are assigned to.

1. Click one of the 3 buttons below "Write Card." (Detailed information regarding the programming of these buttons is in the "Main Screen" section of the manual).

2. The message "You are about to overwrite the current card. Are you sure?" will appear. Click **Yes**.

3. The design(s) will write to the card. When finished writing, the message "Success! Memory card is now ready for use" appears. Click **OK**.

Warning

Only one card in the box at a time!

Warning

Do not remove your card while the red light is on.

Remember

Y*ou will see a status bar with numbers counting up "Writing block….". There is no specific number at which the transfer will stop. You must wait until the status bar is no longer on the screen to remove your card. The message "Success - Memory card is ready for use" will appear on your screen when it is safe to remove your card from The Mini Amazing Box II.*

Now you are ready to take the card to your machine and sew!!

Save

The **Save** button is used to write the entire contents of a memory card to your hard drive. The individual embroidery designs may be opened in any embroidery software that supports the format saved by the Mini Amazing Box II.
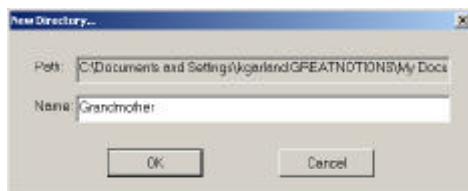
To begin, place a card in any slot of the Mini Amazing Box II, and click on the Save button.

Figure QS-4
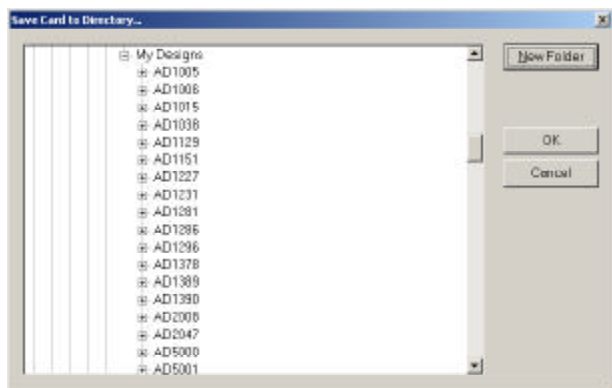
Using a standard Windows® interface, you will be given the opportunity to select the directory location where the files will be stored. You may also create a new directory, if you wish, by clicking on the 'New Folder' button.

Figure QS-5

Click inside the dialog box beside the word 'Name' and type the name of your new directory.

Highlight the name of the selected or new directory.

Figure QS-6

You will be prompted to enter a prefix that will be included in the file names. Enter a name that is related to the design theme and click "OK'.
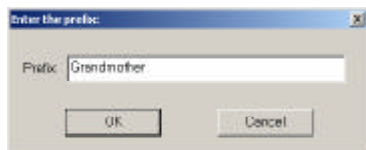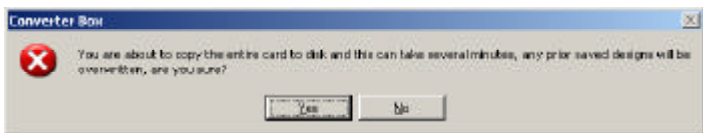

Enter the prefix:

Prefix: Grandmother

OK   Cancel

Figure QS-7

Figure QS-8

Converter Box

You are about to copy the entire card to disk and this can take several minutes, any prior saved designs will be overwritten, are you sure?

Yes   No

A message appears that tells you copying of the entire card is about to begin. Click 'OK'.

Figure QS-9

Status

Saving design 16 of 20.

During writing, a Status Box shows the progress, as in Figure QS-9. When complete, a message appears stating that the designs have been successfully copied, Figure QS-10.

Figure QS-10

Success!

Designs have been copied to disk.

OK
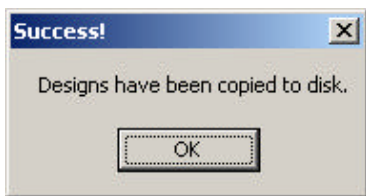
Using Copied Designs With Software

After you have copied designs to your hard drive using your Mini Amazing Box II software, you can open them in any software that supports that design format., including, but not limited to, Amazing Designs programs such as Smart Sizer Gold and Size Express.

Remember

Your Smart Sizer Gold can be used to delete portions of a design by color segment, rotate, mirror, copy paste and perform other manipulations to designs that have been copied from cards. However, when resizing designs from cards, Smart Sizer Gold will not change the stitch count. Size Express software from Amazing Designs will change the stitch count when resizing designs copied from cards.

Editing Single Designs Without Copying Entire Card

Using the **Load** function, The Mini Amazing Box II allows you to edit your designs using other Amazing Designs software such as Lettering Pro, Size Express, Color Editor, etc. Start the desired program, then double click the desired design or the **Edit/Transfer** drop-down menu, and the design will be transferred into that program.

Remember

Using this method, the designs can be edited only in Amazing Designs software products.

Example: To send a design from the Main Screen into Color Editor:

1. **Open** Color Editor and maximize.

2. Double click on the desired design on the Main Screen, and this design will automatically be transferred into Color Editor (Figure QS-11).

3. Once in Color Editor, recolor the design by clicking on the color chips below the design.

4. To send design back to The Mini Amazing Box II, click **File/Save**.
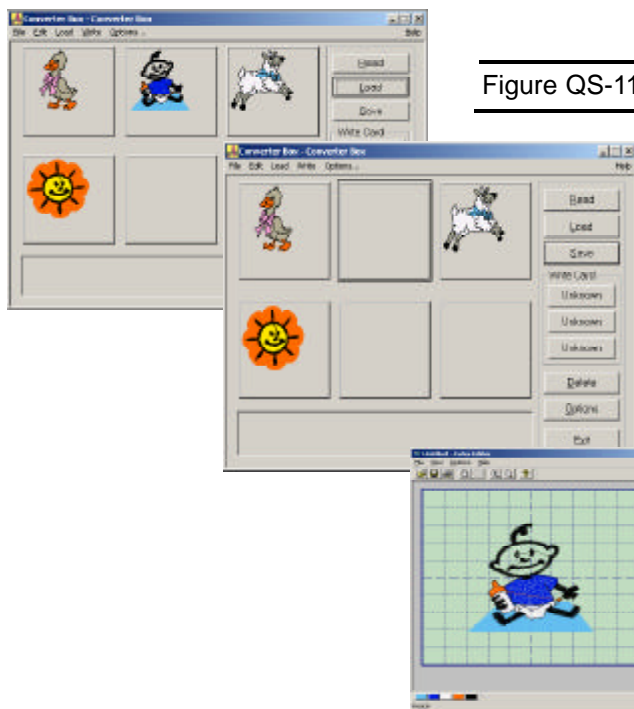
Remember

This also works with any other Amazing Designs software.
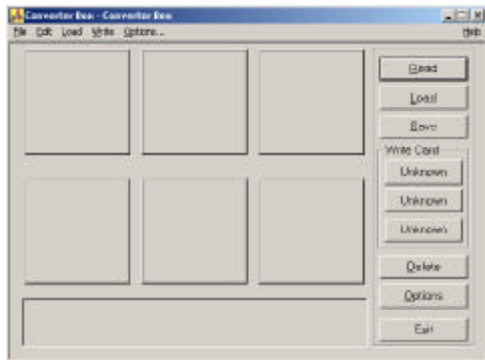

Figure QS-11

Main Screen

In this section of the manual, all the features on the Main Screen are explained.

Items Found in this Section:

Design Screen
Dialog Box
Read
Load
Write
Save
Delete
Options
Exit

Figure MS-1
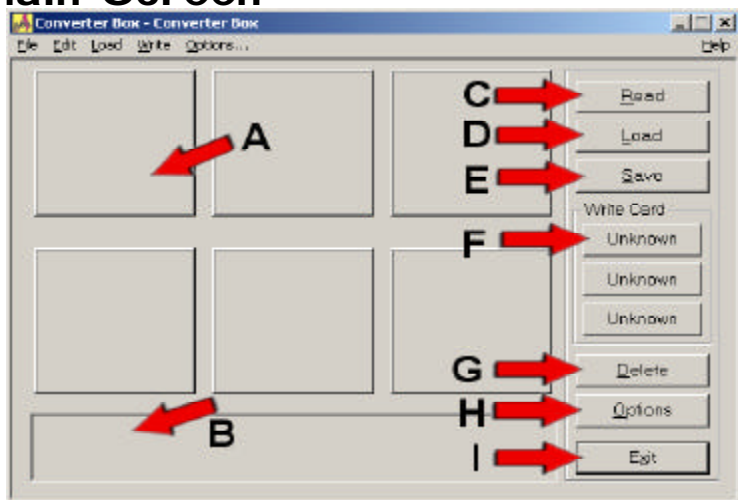
Mini Amazing Box II Main Screen

Main Screen

Figure MS-2

- A   Design Screen
- B   Dialog Box
- C   Read
- D   Load
- E   Save
- F   Write
- G   Delete
- H   Options
- I   Exit

A Design Screen

When using The Mini Amazing Box II, you are able to place up to six designs onto a card at one time, depending on the size, stitch count and/or number of color changes in the design.

The six boxes, as shown in Figure MS-3 will display the sequence of the designs selected before writing to a card.

Tip

If you own Smart Sizer Gold, Lettering Pro, Size Express, Fast Fills, Embroidery Links and/or Color Editor, you can open the desired program and then double click on any of the boxes and the design will open directly in that software.

Remember

Color Editor is included with the Mini Amazing Box II. See the chapter titled "Color Editor" in this manual.
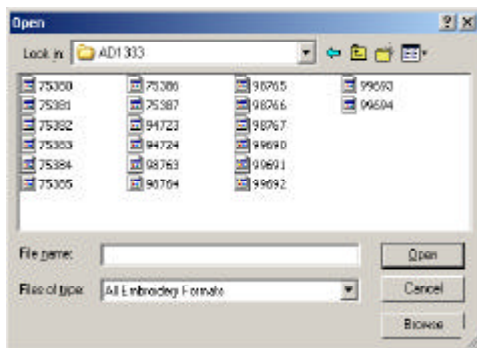
Figure MS-3

B   Dialog Box

When moving your mouse over the different features in the program, information about that feature will be displayed in the Dialog Box.

C   Read

Click the **Read** button or the **File/Open** drop-down menu to open the "Open" window as shown below in Figure MS-4. Using the down arrow to the right of the "Look in" box, find the directory or drive in which your designs are stored. Once your design files are displayed, select the design you want and click **Open**.

Figure MS-4

Another feature in the "Open" window is "Browse." Click on **Browse** and the "Browse" window will open displaying all the designs in that folder as shown below in Figure MS-5.
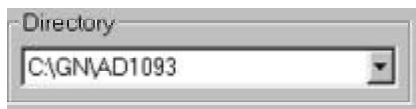

Figure MS-5
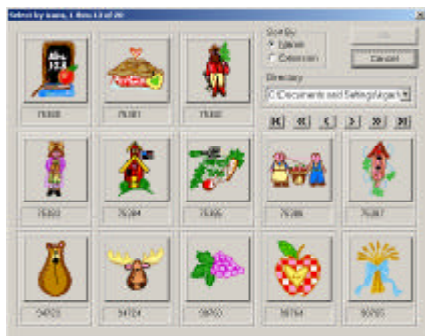
With the "Browse" function open, there are several things to note.

In the "Sort By" function, you can sort your designs by name or extension.

Click on the menu arrow under "Directory," for the listing of sub-directories in your computer. Select the directory and the designs will automatically load onto the window as shown in Figure MS-5.

K This icon will take you to your first design.

≪ This icon will take you to the previous page of designs.

< This icon will take you back one design.
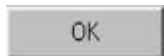
> This icon will take you forward one design.

≫ This icon will take you to the next page of designs.

>I This icon will take you to your last design.

OK After selecting a design, click on **OK** to load the design to screen.

Cancel Click the **Cancel** button to close the window.

The Mini Amazing Box II can read multiple file formats from floppy, CD-ROM or your hard drive.

GNC: Great Notions Condensed (*.gnc)
CSD: Toyota Poem/Singer EU/Dos HuskyGram (*.csd)
DST: Tajima (*.dst)
EXP: DOS expanded (*.exp)
HUS: Viking DOS Customizer/ Customizer 95 (*.hus) Split at 12 colors
JEF: Janome 10000 (*.jef)

- PCS: Pfaff PC-Designer V2.0 & V2.1 PC
  (*.pcs) Files will be split at 16 colors
- PEC: Baby Lock Palette/Bernina Wizard/Brother
  PE-Design (*.pec)
- PES: Baby Lock/Bernina Deco/Brother/
  Simplicity, White (*.pes, *.pec)
- SEW: Elna/Janome (*.sew)
- SHV: Viking Designer series
- XXX: Singer (*.xxx)

GNC Files

GNC formatted designs will automatically resize
if necessary to fit the sewing field to which you
are writing.

The GNC format is only found on Amazing
Designs disk collections.

Zip Files

The Mini Amazing Box II will also read zip files.

Click the **Read** button and go to the directory
that contains your zipped designs as shown in
Figure MS-6.

Figure MS-6

Select the zipped file that you want to take a design from and click **Open**. *The name only of the file is displayed, as there is no "browse by icon" feature for zipped files.* The "Zip Directory" opens, displaying the designs within that zip file as shown in Figure MS-6a.

Zip Directory	
bonsai.pes	OK
	Cancel

Figure MS-6a
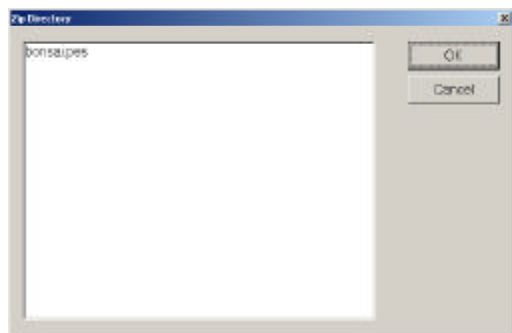
Select the desired file and click **Open** to load it, or click **Cancel** to close the window and return to the "Main Screen."

D   Load

The **Load** function enables you to take designs from memory cards into the software and write them back to a card for your embroidery machine. You are able to load up to 6 designs at a time into the software.

Not all pre-programmed memory cards are readable. Some manufacturers have disabled this function for their cards.

1   Left Card Slot
The card slot for Pfaff, Janome 10000 and Bernina-Artista Cards.

2   Right Card Slot
The card slot for Baby Lock, Bernina-Deco, Brother, Simplicity, Viking #1+, Rose, and 605 Cards.

Remember to remove the pre-programmed memory card from the Mini Amazing Box II and replace with the rewritable card before clicking "Write."

Click the **Load** button or the **File**/**Load** drop-down menu and the "Read Design" dialog box will appear as shown below in Figure MS-7.
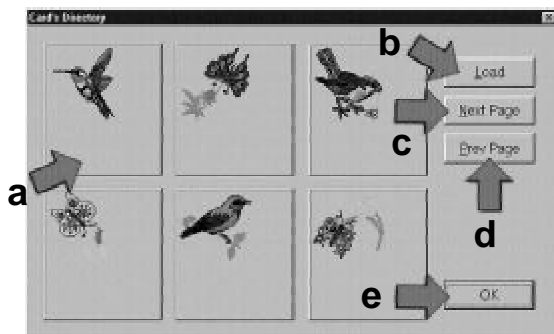
Figure MS-7
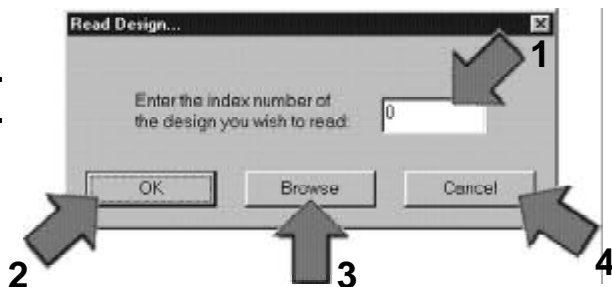
1   Type in the design number of the single design you wish to load if you know the numbered position of the design.

2   After typing in the design number, click **OK** and the desired design will load into one of the six selection boxes.

3   If you do not know the number of the design, click **Browse** and all the designs on the card will be displayed. The "Browse" function is further explained on the next page.

Figure MS-7a

4   **Cancel** will close the "Load" functions.

Click on the **Browse** button in the "Read Design" dialog box to display the "Card's Directory" showing pictures of all the designs on the card. See Figure MS-7a.

a   Up to six designs can be shown at one time depending on the number of designs on the card as shown in Figure MS-7a.

b   Select the desired design then click **Load** to send the design to the "Main Screen."

You can select up to 6 designs depending on the space available on the "Main Screen." The "Card's Directory" will not close until you click **OK**.

c   Clicking the **Next Page** button will show the next six designs.

d   Clicking the **Prev Page** button will show the previous six designs.

e   Clicking **OK** will take you back to the "Main Screen."

E   Save

The **Save** function enables you to copy designs from memory cards to your hard drive or other writable media. Designs that have been copied can be edited, resized and otherwise modified in the same ways that you would modify any design on your computer.

After clicking on the **Save** button, a screen appears that allows you to select the directory where the designs from the card will be saved.

Figure MS-7b
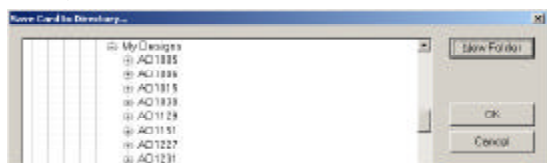
You may also create a new directory, if you wish, by clicking on the 'New Folder' button.
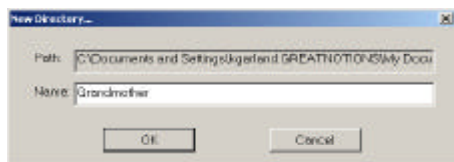
If you chose to create a new directory, click inside the dialog box beside the word 'Name' and type the name of your new directory.

Highlight the name of the selected or new directory.

You will be prompted to enter a prefix that will be included in the file names. For example, if you enter Grandmother, the files will be named Grandmother01 and so on.Enter a name that is related to the design theme and click "OK".

Figure MS-7b

Figure MS-7c

You are about to copy the entire card to disk and this can take several minutes, any prior saved designs will be overwritten, are you sure?
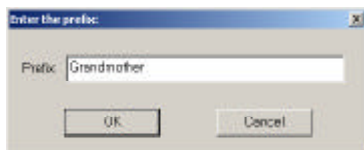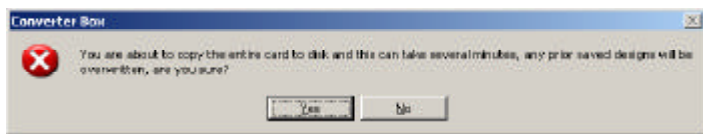
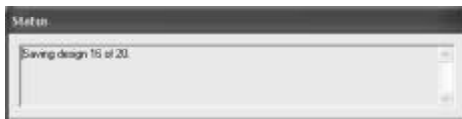A message appears that tells you copying of the entire card is about to begin. Click 'OK'.
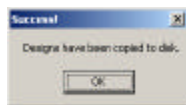
Figure MS-7d

Figure MS-7e

During writing, a Status Box shows the progress, as in Figure MS-7d. When complete, a message appears stating that the designs have been successfully copied, Figure MS-7e.

The saved designs can be opened, resized or modified in any computer program that supports the format for the designs.

Be sure that you select a unique prefix when copying multiple cards to the same directory location to avoid overwriting previously copied designs.

F   Write

The Mini Amazing Box II has the capability of loading and writing designs from one memory card directly to another type of memory card. You must have the appropriate writable card to be able to write designs for your machine. Listed below are the writable card formats and their appropriate slots in The Mini Amazing Box II.

1   Left Card Slot
The card slot for Pfaff, Janome 10000 and Bernina-Artista Cards.

2   Right Card Slot
The card slot for Baby Lock, Bernina-Deco, Brother, Simplicity, Viking #1+, Rose, and 605 Cards.

Pfaff, Artista and Janome 10000 all use the same slot in The Mini Amazing Box II, but the Janome 10000 rewritable card is different from the Pfaff and Artista card. This means you cannot write a Pfaff or Artista file to a Janome 10000 card and vice versa.

When saving from an Artista card, the files will be exported with the extension .exp.

Once you have up to 6 designs in the software, you are ready to insert your rewritable memory card into the appropriate slot on The Mini Amazing Box II and write these designs to the rewritable card for sewing.

To program the "Write Card" buttons for your machine, first insert a writable card into the appropriate slot in the box. Now click any of the buttons marked "Unknown." A new dialog box appears as shown in Figure MS-8. Click the down arrow to select your machine from the choices given.

Figure MS-8

Only the machine choices appropriate for the card inserted in the slot will be offered (example: the right side slot is for format PES/HUS so only Baby Lock/Brother/Deco/Simplicity/Viking machines will be offered). Select the appropriate machine model.
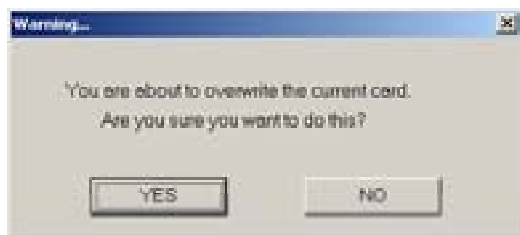
If you do not see your machine model you can select a different machine by the same manufacturer with the same single sewing field parameters. You can select from the list provided at the end of this section.

You can set each "Write" button to reflect your personal machine. If you own more than one model you can set the buttons accordingly. Once you set the "Write" button to a certain machine it will remain set until you change it.

Now click on the newly programmed "Write Card" button to save the designs to the card. You will be given a warning that the card will be overwritten as shown in Figure MS-8a. You will be erasing all of the previously written designs and replacing them with the new ones. Click **Yes** and the transfer will start. Click **No** to cancel this operation. You will now see a red light in the center of the box. This means that The Mini Amazing Box II is transferring the designs to the card.

Figure MS-8a

Warning...

You are about to overwrite the current card.
Are you sure you want to do this?

| YES | NO |

Warning

Do not remove your card while the red light is on!

When the Mini Amazing Box II has written the designs to the card, it will display a "Success" window (Figure MS-8b). You are now ready to take the card to your machine and sew!

Figure MS-8b

Success!

Memory card is now ready for use.

OK

Remember
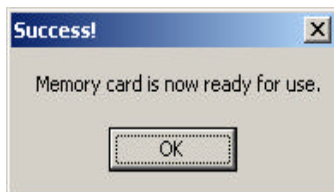
This software will not split designs for multi-position hoops. You can only save designs to your writable card in the size that you machine will sew in a single sewing field.

Warning

One card in the box at a time. If you are loading designs from a programmed memory card, remove it before you insert your writable card and click on the "Write" button.

Some machines require designs to split into multiple files depending on the number of colors and stitch count. If your design doesn't appear to have sewn out completely, then you may need to select the next file on the card to complete your design. Ex. Pfaff PCS format splits at 16 colors or 14,000 stitches.

G   Delete

The **Delete** button gives you the ability to remove a design before writing to the card. Select the design you want to delete by clicking on it, then click the **Delete** button or the **Edit**/**Delete** drop-down menu and the design is removed.

H   Options

Click the **Options** button to pre-set the "Unknown" write buttons to reflect your machine type (Figure MS-9).

Figure MS-9

Options	
File Open Preference:	OK
⦿ Standard Windows	Cancel
○ Browse By Icon	
Write Button Preferences	
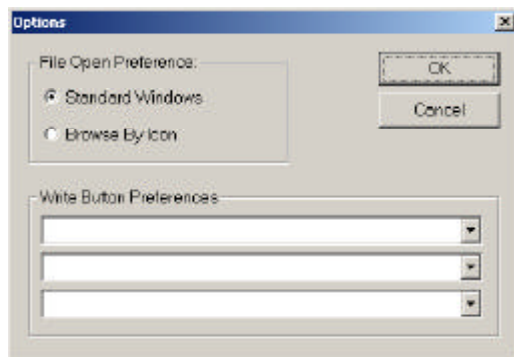
Click any of the down arrows in the "Write Button Preferences" field, and a database of available machines is displayed (Figure MS-9a).

Scroll through the list until you find your machine and select it. Click **OK** to accept it or **Cancel** to close the window. The machine information will now replace the wor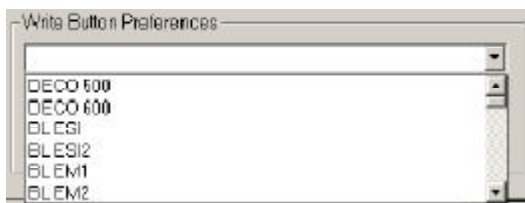d "Unknown" on the "Write" buttons on the "Main Screen." You can set all 3 buttons to your machine types or leave the other 2 as "Unknown."

Figure MS-9a

Write Button Preferences

```
DECO 500
DECO 600
BLESI
BLESI2
BLEM1
BLEM2
```

If you do not see your machine model you can select a different machine by the same manufacturer with the same single sewing field parameters. You can select from the list provided at the end of this section.

You can set each "Write" button to reflect your personal machine. If you own more than one model you can set the buttons accordingly. Once you set the "Write" button to a certain machine it will remain set until you change it.

I   Exit

Clicking the **Exit** button will close the Mini Amazing Box II software.

Memory card driven machines
Maximum Single Sewing Field
By Machine

Machine	Hoop Size	File
Baby Lock ESI/ESI2	100 x 100	PES,PEC
Baby Lock EM1/EM2/eac/BL60E	100 x 100	PES,PEC
Bernina Deco 500/600	100 x 100	PES,PEC
Simplicity SE1/SE2/SE3	100 x 100	PES,PEC
Brother PE150/100/200/300S/7500	100 x 100	PES,PEC
White W3300	100 x 100	PES,PEC
Baby Lock ESE/ESE2/Ellure	130 x 180	PES,PEC
Brother 8200/8500/6500	130 x 180	PES,PEC
Baby Lock Ellageo 1/2/3	160 x 260	PES,PEC
Brother ULT/2002D	160 x 260	PES,PEC
Bernina Artista 180/170	152 x 198	ART
Bernina Artista 200E		

Memory card driven machines
Maximum Single Sewing Field
By Machine (cont.)

Machine	**Hoop Size**	**File**
Janome 10000	140 x 200	JEF
Pfaff 7570/7560	115 x 120	PCS
Viking Rose/1+/Iris	100 x 100	HUS

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Single sewing fields listed for current model machines
even though The Mini Amazing Box II may not be capable
of saving to some of the larger sewing fields at this time.
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Color Editor

In this section, all the features of the Color Editor software are explained.

Figure CE-1
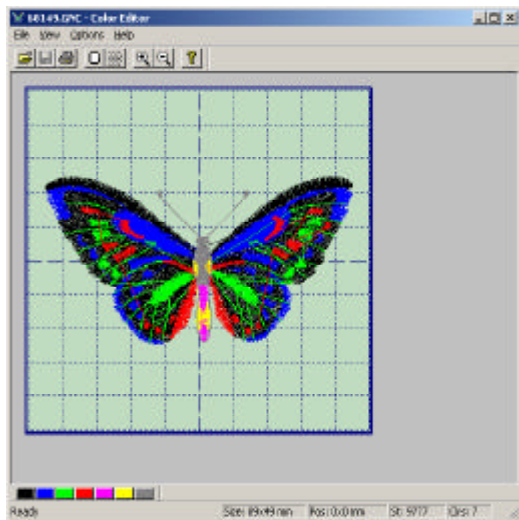
Color Editor is a separate program provided with The Mini Amazing Box II for the purpose of changing a design's color information.

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Drop-Down Menus

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Immediately below the title bar is the drop-down menu. This contains all the commands for Color Editor.

Figure CE-2
Drop-Downs

W **Untitled – Color Editor**

File　View　Options　Help

You will find four Drop-Down Menus:

> File
> View
> Options
> Help

Tip

For information on bringing a design directly from the Mini Amazing Box II Main Screen into Color Editor, see the last page of the QuickStart chapter.
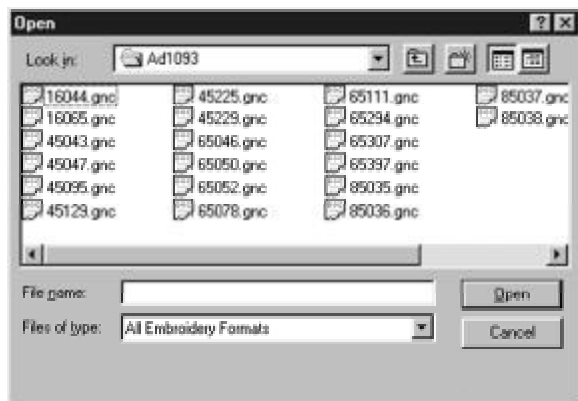
File **Menu**

Open (Ctrl+O)
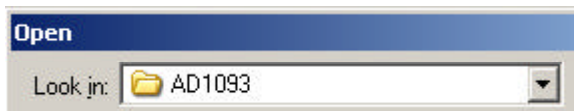Click **File**, then **Open** to select a design.

Figure CE-3
Open

This displays the "Open" window along with your default folder or directory setting as shown above in Figure CE-3.

FigureCE-3a

Open

Look in: AD1093

Click on the down arrow to the right of the "Look in" box to show the list of sub-directories on your computer as shown in Figure CE-3a. Select the folder that contains your designs.

When you click on a file, the file name will appear in the field box to the right of "File name" as shown in Figure CE-3b.

Figure CE-3b   File name: [   ]

To the right of "Files of type" you can choose what type of embroidery format you wish to open.

Figure CE-3c   Files of type: [All Embroidery Formats   ▼]

Supported file formats include:

GNC: GN Scalable (*.gnc)
HUS: Viking DOS Customizer/ Customizer 95 (*.hus) Split at 12 colors
CSD: Toyota Poem/Singer EU/Dos HuskyGram (*.csd)
PES, PEC: Baby Lock/Bernina Deco/Brother/ Simplicity (*.pes, *.pec)
SEW: Janome Scan-n-Sew PC/Elna Envision Scan PC (*.sew)
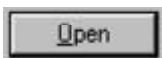JEF: Janome 10000
EMD: Janome 10000, Singer XL5000
SHV: Viking Designer series
PCS: Pfaff PC-Designer V2.0 & V2.1 PC (*.pcs) Split at 16 colors
XXX: Singer PSW (*.xxx)
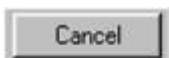EXP: DOS expanded (*.exp)
DST: Tajima (*.dst)

[__O__pen] After selecting a design, it appears in the "File __n__ame" box. Click on the **Open** button to load the design.

Tip

Across the top of the main screen is the title bar. It will display the file name of the design you have opened. If you are working in a new file, and it has not yet been saved, it will display "Untitled" as the file name.

[Cancel] Click the **Cancel** button, to cancel the "Open" command.

Save (Ctrl+S)

Click **File**, then **Save** to save changes to an existing file. The "Save" command saves your document under the same name, replacing the previous version. When you finish using Color Editor, save your work before closing it.

Tip

You should periodically save your work so that you don't lose your work in the event of a power interruption or hardware failure.

Save **A**s

Click **File**, then **Save As** to name your design and save it to the desired folder.

Figure CE-4
Save As

The "Save As" window in Figure CE-4, functions the same way as the "Open" window. Click on the down arrow to the right of the "Save in" box to select the desired folder.

Type the name of the design in "File name" as shown in figure CE-4a.

Figure CE-4a

File name:

To the right of "Save as type" you can choose what type of embroidery format you wish save to.

Figure CE-4b

Save as type: Janome/Elna (*.sew)

The "Save As" feature will only allow you to save the file within the same format it was opened, with the exception of GNC.

If a design is opened in GNC, it can be saved in HUS, CSD, PES, SEW, JEF, PCS, XXX, EXP and DST.

If the design was sent from The Mini Amazing Box II, it can only be saved back to The Mini Amazing Box II.

Save After typing the name of the design in "File name" shown in Figure CE-4a, click the **Save** button and the design will be saved.
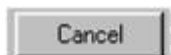
Cancel Click the **Cancel** button, to cancel the "Save As" command.

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Main Screen
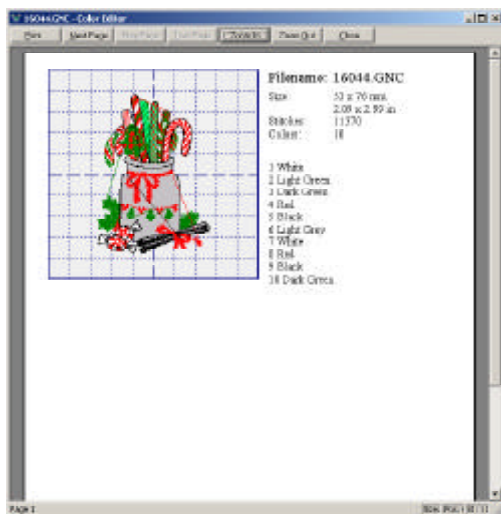
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🖨 **Print (Ctrl+P)**

Click **File**, then **Print** to print a copy of your design.

Not only will the design print out, but it will also show the file name, the stitching size, the number of stitches and the number of colors.
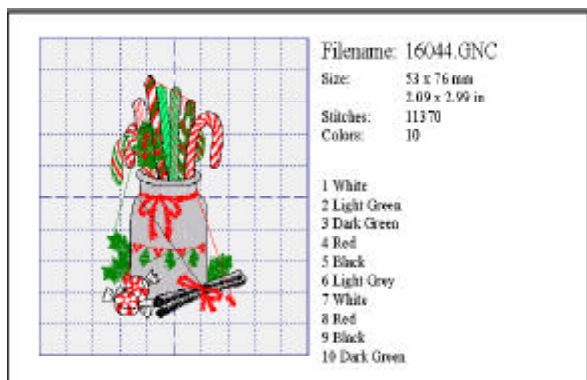
Print Preview

Click **File**, then **Print Preview** to display on the screen how the printed page will appear (Figure CE-5).

Figure CE-5

When viewing the "Print Pre_view" screen, there are some items to note (Figure CE-5a).

Figure CE-5a

Filename: 16044.GNC
Size: 53 x 76 mm
2.09 x 2.99 in
Stitches: 11370
Colors: 10

1 White
2 Light Green
3 Dark Green
4 Red
5 Black
6 Light Grey
7 White
8 Red
9 Black
10 Dark Green

On the right side of the screen (Figure CE-5a), you will notice the file name, the size of design in millimeters and inches, stitch count, number of colors and the order the colors are to be sewn out.

Print... Click the **Print** button to print the instruction sheet to your printer.
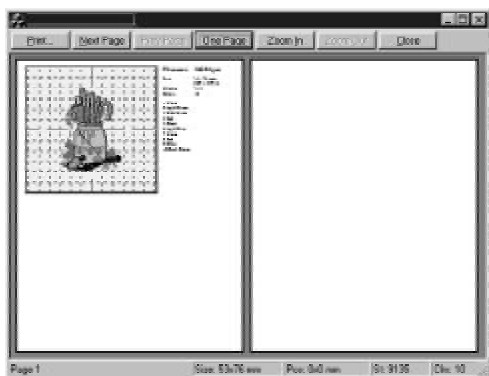
Next Page   Prev Page Click the **Next Page** button to display the instructions from the second page. The **Prev Page** button will take you back to the previous page (if applicable).

Two Page Click the **Two Page** button to show a preview of both pages as shown in Figure CE-5b.

Figure CE-5b

One Page Click the **One Page** button to bring the "Print Preview" screen back to one page as shown in Figure CE-5c.

Figure CE-5c
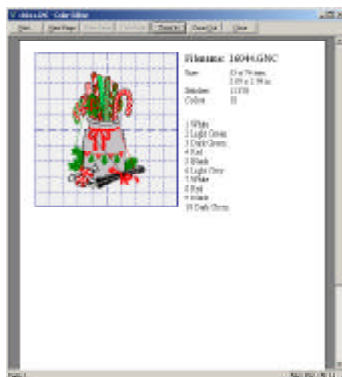
Zoom In Click the **Zoom In** button to zoom in as shown in Figure CE-5a.

Zoom Out Click the **Zoom Out** button to zoom out as shown in Figure CE-5c.

Close Click the **Close** button to close the "Print Preview" screen.

Print Setup

Click **File**, then **Print Setup** to bring up the print setup dialog box as shown in Figure CE-6.

Figure CE-6

Technical Stuff
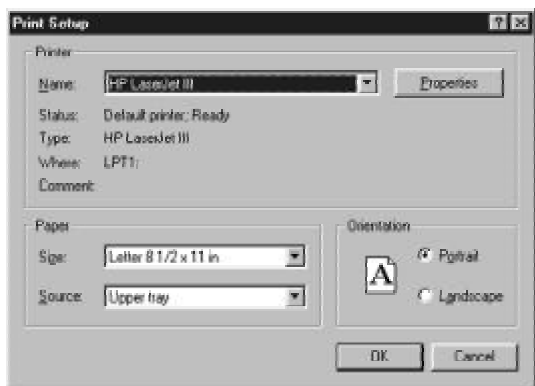
You will be able to change the type of printer, properties, paper size and orientation within print setup.

Exit

Click **File**, then **Exit** to close Color Editor.

Tip

If you have not saved your work, you will be asked to do so.

<u>V</u>IEW Menu

Toolbar

Figure CE-7

(Top of Screen)

Click **<u>V</u>iew**, then **<u>M</u>ain Toolbar** to add or remove the "<u>M</u>ain Toolbar" options from the screen. A checkmark denotes the toolbar is active.

The "Toolbar" is the row of icons found at the top of the screen. As a default, they are always selected "On".

<u>S</u>tatus Bar

Figure CE-8

(Bottom of Screen)

Click **<u>V</u>iew**, then **<u>S</u>tatus Bar** to add or remove the "<u>S</u>tatus Bar" options from the screen. A checkmark denotes the toolbar is active.

The "<u>S</u>tatus Bar" is the row of icons found on the left side of the active screen. As a default, they are always "On".
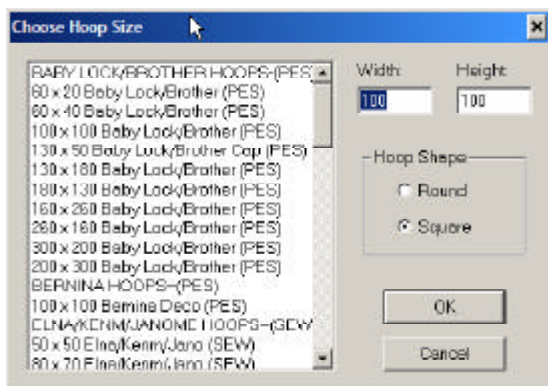
OPTIONS Menu

Hoop Size

Click **Options**, then **Hoop Size** to select the brand of machine and hoop size as shown in Figure CE-9.

Figure CE-9

Choose Hoop Size

BABY LOCK/BROTHER HOOPS-(PES)	Width:	Height:
60 x 20 Baby Lock/Brother (PES)	100	100
60 x 40 Baby Lock/Brother (PES)		
100 x 100 Baby Lock/Brother (PES)		
130 x 50 Baby Lock/Brother Cap (PES)	Hoop Shape	
130 x 180 Baby Lock/Brother (PES)		
180 x 130 Baby Lock/Brother (PES)	○ Round	
160 x 260 Baby Lock/Brother (PES)	● Square	
260 x 160 Baby Lock/Brother (PES)		
300 x 200 Baby Lock/Brother (PES)		
200 x 300 Baby Lock/Brother (PES)		
BERNINA HOOPS-(PES)	OK	
100 x 100 Bernina Deco (PES)		
ELNA/KENM/JANOME HOOPS-(SEW)	Cancel	
50 x 50 Elna/Kenm/Jano (SEW)		
80 x 70 Elna/Kenm/Jano (SEW)		

The workspace grid will increase or decrease in size to show the work area available for that particular machine and hoop size.

Each square of the grid equals 10 millimeters by 10 millimeters. (10mm X 10mm). The design you select must fit within the work space.

Tip

Density Settings (for GNC Designs Only)
Click **Options**, then **Density Settings** to bring up the dialog box in Figure CE-10. Density Settings only work with GNC designs.

Figure CE-10

In Figure CE-10 you will find two ways to adjust the density of the embroidery pattern, "Adjust stitch density" by percentage or by "Thread Weights."

Figure CE-10a

The best way to "Adjust stitch density" is to remember that if the number is higher than 100, stitches will be added, and if the number is lower than 100, stitches will be removed.

You may get better results on terry cloth by changing the density to 110% and changing the density to 90% for knits.

In "Thread Weight," the default is 40 wt. When selecting 60 wt, there will be an increase in stitches due to the thickness of the thread being thinner than 40 wt. If "Yarn" is selected, there will be fewer stitches.

Figure CE-10b

Thread Weights

○ 60 wt   ○ 50 wt   ⦿ 40 wt   ○ 30 wt   ○ Yarn
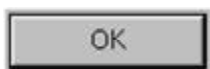
OK Click on **OK** to make the appropriate changes to the design, depending on the density settings you select.

GNC format is the only format in which you can change the density. The GNC format is only found on Amazing Designs Disk Collections.
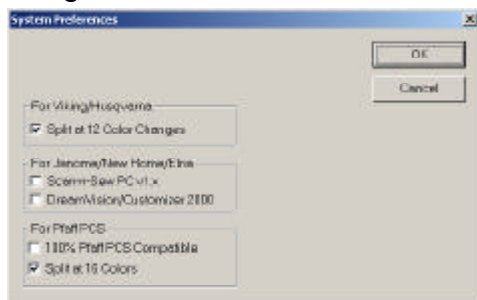
Cancel Click on **Cancel** to close the density settings command without making any changes to your design.

Preferences

Click **Options**, then **Preferences** to bring up the dialog box in Figure CE-11 .

Figure CE-11

System Preferences

OK
Cancel

For Viking/Husqvarna
☑ Split at 12 Color Changes

For Janome/New Home/Elna
☐ Scan-n-Sew PC v1.x
☐ DreamVision/Customizer 2000

For Pfaff PCS
☐ 100% Pfaff PCS Compatible
☑ Split at 16 Colors

Several options can be selected depending on the brand of sewing machine you are using.

Figure CE-11a

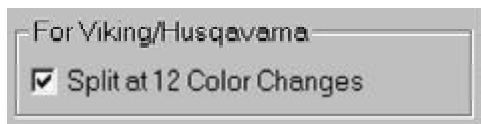For Viking/Husqavarna
☑ Split at 12 Color Changes

Figure CE-11a shows the setting for Viking/ Husqvarna machines. This option will split the design at every 12th color change.

Remember

When a design is split, the file name will be renamed with an A, B, C etc. at the end of the file. For example; if you have a design named 16044.GNC and this design has 13 color changes in it, the file will be saved as 16044_A.HUS and 16044_B.HUS.

Figure CE-11b

For Janome/New Home/Elna
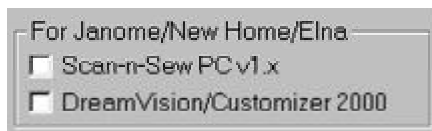☐ Scan-n-Sew PC V1.x
☐ DreamVision/Customizer 2000

Figure CE-11b shows the setting for Janome/New Home/ Elna software. This option will ensure that when you save to *.SEW it will be compatible with Scan-n-Sew PC V1.x. The Dream Vision/ Customizer 2000 when selected will enable 78 colors for Elna/Janome/New Home in your color pallet.

Figure CE-11c

-For Pfaff PCS-
☑ 100% Pfaff PCS Compatible
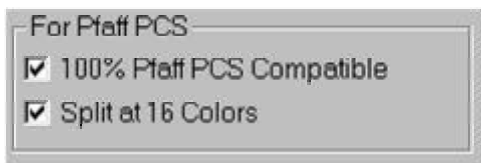☑ Split at 16 Colors

Figure CE-11c is the setting for Pfaff PCS. The first option will make PCS files 100% compatible Pfaff PCS. The second option will split the design at every 16th color change.

Remember: *When a design is split, the file name will be renamed with an A, B, C etc. at the end of the file name. For example: you have a design named 16044.GNC and this design has 18 color changes in it, when you save it to Pfaff PCS, the file will be saved as 16044_A.PCS and 16044_B.PCS.*
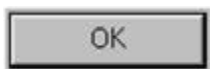
OK   Click **OK** to apply selected preferences.

Cancel   Click **Cancel** to close the dialog box preferences without making any changes to the software.

HELP Menu

About Color Editor
Click **Help**, then **About Color Editor** to display the version number of Color Editor you are using.

Tool Bars

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This section describes how to use the three tool bars in Figure CE-12 through CE-14.

Main Toolbar

Figure CE-12

(Top of Screen)

Color Bar

Figure CE-13

(Bottom of Screen)

Status Bar

Figure CE-14

Ready   Sbe: 54x76 mm   Pos: 0x0 mm   Sb: 11370   Ore: 10

(Bottom of Screen)
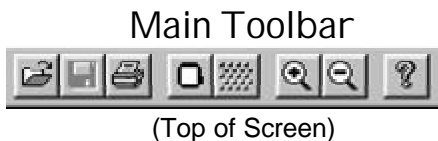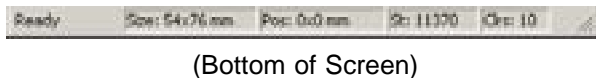
Main Menu Toolbar

Open Icon (Ctrl+O)
Click the **Open** icon to open a design file as discussed in the "File Menu" section.

Save Icon (Ctrl+S)
Click the **Save** icon to save changes to an existing file. The "Save" command saves your document under the same name with which it was last saved or opened, replacing the previous version.

When you finish using Color Editor, save your work before you close it.

You should periodically "Save" while you work, so your work will not be lost in the event of a power interruption or hardware failure.

Print Icon (Ctrl+P)
Click the **Print** icon to print a copy of your design. See the "File Menu" section for more information and functions.

Hoop Size Icon

Click the **H**oop Size icon to bring up the dialog box to select a machine and hoop size. See the "Options Menu" section for more information.

Remember

Each square of the grid equals 10 millimeters by 10 millimeters. (10mm X 10mm) The design you select must fit within this work space.

Density Settings Icon

Click on the **Density Settings** icon to adjust the density settings as discussed in the "Options Menu" section.

Remember

The GNC format is the only format in which you can change the density. The GNC format is only found on Amazing Designs Disk Collections.

Zoom In Icon

Click on the **Zoom In** icon to zoom in on the design.

Zoom Out Icon

Click on the **Zoom Out** icon to zoom out on the design.

About Icon

Click the **A**bout icon and the Color Editor version number will be displayed.
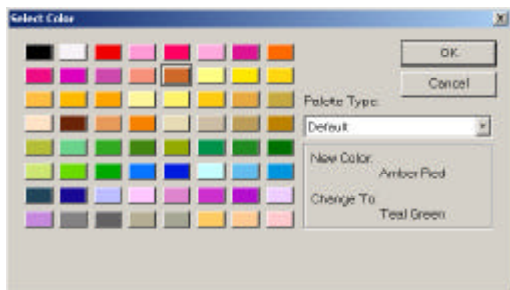
Color Bar

Figure CE-15

The "Color Bar" enables you to change the colors of the design on the screen.
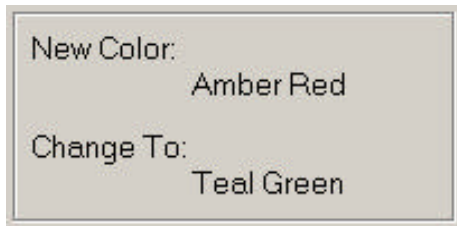
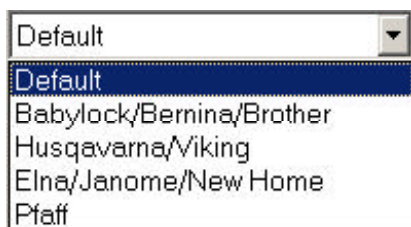*The "Color Bar" will only show the number of boxes that have color changes within a design.*

Figure CE-16

After clicking on one of the boxes shown in Figure CE-15 the "Select Color" box will appear as shown in Figure CE-16.

Figure CE-16a

New Color:
　　　　Amber Red

Change To:
　　　　Teal Green

By clicking on the color you wish to change, the name of the color will appear in the "New Color / Change To" box as shown in Figure CE-16a.

Figure CE-16b

Default	▼
Default	
Babylock/Bernina/Brother	
Husqavarna/Viking	
Elna/Janome/New Home	
Pfaff	

There are five color palettes available to select colors.

Default	=	64 colors
Baby Lock/Bernina/Brother	=	64 colors
Husqvarna/Viking	=	29 colors
Elna/Janome/New Home	=	78 colors
Pfaff	=	16 colors
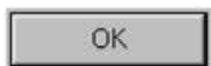
OK   Click on **OK** to change the selected color to its new color.

Cancel   Click on **Cancel** to close the color select function without changes.

The Color Editor software is included with The Mini Amazing Box II so that you can use the "Color Bar" to recolor your designs. If you want the sewing machine to display the correct color names on the sewing machine's display screen, you must recolor the design before saving it to a card.
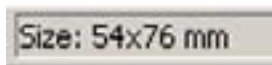
Status Bar

Figure CE-17 Ready   Size: 54x76 mm   Pos: 0x0 mm   St: 11370   Clrs: 10

The "Status Bar" provides information about four important items.

1. Size
2. Position from center.
3. Stitch Count
4. Number of Colors

Figure CE-17a   Size: 54x76 mm

"Sz:" displays the size of the designs placed on the work space.

Figure CE-17b   Pos: 0x0 mm
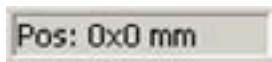
"Pos:" displays the position of the designs placed on the work space relative to the center.

Figure CE-17c   St: 11370
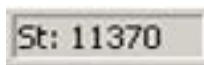
"St:" displays the stitch count of the designs placed on the work space.

Figure CE-17d   Clrs: 10

"Clrs:" displays the number of colors of the designs placed on the work space.

Frequently Asked Questions

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Question: What is a design transfer system?
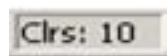Answer: It is a memory card writing system that
takes designs from your hard drive,
floppy drive or CD and writes them to a
memory card to fit your embroidery
machine. Now, with this new version,
you can also save designs from a
memory card to the hard drive of your
computer or other writable media.

Question: Do I need a computer to use a design
transfer sytem?
Answer: Yes, The Mini Amazing Box II connects to
your PC to write files from your computer
to the rewritable memory card for your
embroidery machine, or transfers designs
from a card to your computer.

Question: What is a finished file format design?
Answer: This is a complete digitized design with a
home sew design file extension of HUS,
PCS, PES, etc.

Question: Can I take a .bmp, .wmf or .jpg file and
write it to a card for sewing?
Answer: No, these file extensions are graphic files,
clip art, or pictures, and need to be
digitized before you can write them to a

memory card to stitch out on your embroidery machine. To do this, you will need digitizing software like Click 'N Stitch from Mini Amazing II Designs.

Question: What does digitized mean?
Answer: This is the term for a stitch file. It means that the clip art or picture now has stitches to it.

Question: What does "single sewing field" refer to?
Answer: Each embroidery machine has a maximum area that may be embroidered at one time. This would be considered the machine's single sewing field.
For example, the Simplicity SE3 or Brother PE150 both have a 100x100mm or 4x4" single sewing field. You should be able to find this information in your machine's instruction manual.

Question: Why do I need this system?
Answer: With The Mini Amazing Box II you have the ability to create your own memory cards using designs from disk collections, CDs, or even the Internet. If you decide to edit or add lettering to your designs, The Mini Amazing Box II and additional optional software make this possible.

Question: How do I keep my Mini Amazing Box II
             Software up-to-date?
Answer: The Amazing Designs Web site
             (http://www.amazingdesigns.com)
             will post periodic software updates for
             download. To see which version of the
             software you have installed, click "Help"
             on the menu bar and select "About."

Question: The software does not recognize the
             converter box, what do I do?
Answer: If you get a message on your screen
             saying, "No COM port..." this usually
             means the USB driver is not installed
             correctly. Follow the following steps to
             reinstall the driver.
             1. Unplug the USB cable from the
             computer while it is on.
             2. Turn off your computer.
             3. Plug the USB cable back into the
             computer.
             4. Turn on the computer.
             5. A Mircrosoft message stating, "New
             hardware found," appears.
             6. Insert the Mini Amazing Box II CD into
             the CD-ROM drive and cancel
             installation if it autoruns.
             7. Now follow the on-screen prompts
             and directions in the Installation chapter
             on Hardware Installation to install the
             USB driver.

Question: I have followed the "No Com port"
             instructions and did not receive the
             "New Hardware found" message;
             my software still does not work.
Answer: There may be other hardware conflicts
             preventing Windows from recognizing the
             Mini Amazing Box. Please contact
             Technical Support for further assistance.

Question: Why does the design save to more than
             one file?
Answer: Some manufacturers have color or stitch
             limitations for each file. If your machine
             requires limits, this software will split
             your designs into two or more files.
             Ex. Pfaff (PCS) can only read 16 colors
             per design file. If the design has more
             than 16 color changes it will be split into
             two files 'a' and 'b' when writing to the
             PCS writable card. Both files must be
             stitched to complete the design.

If you have any other questions or comments
concerning this product, please feel free to
contact the manufacturer at the phone number or
email address listed below:

1-800-553-1691
support@amazingdesigns.com

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